

REMARKS

Claims 27, 28, 32-36, 40-43, and 47-52 are pending in this application. Claims 29-31, 37-39, and 44-46 are canceled. Claims 27-52 have been rejected. In view of foregoing amendments and following remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the Application.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 27-42 and 52 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. As a preliminary matter, claims 29-31 and 37-39 have been canceled, thereby rendering moot the rejection of claims 29-31 and 37-39. Further, although Applicants may not agree with the rejection on the merits, to facilitate the matter, claims 27, 28, 32-36, 40-42 and 52 have been rewritten to overcome the rejection. Withdrawal of the § 101 rejection of claims 27, 28, 32-36, 40-42 and 52 is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 27-52 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 7,472,379 ("Chessell").

As a preliminary matter, claims 29-31, 37-39, and 44-46 have been canceled, thereby rendering moot the anticipation rejection of claims 29-31, 37-39, and 44-46. Further, the Examiner will note that independent claim 27 has been amended to provide for the subject matter of claims 29-31, independent claim 36 has been amended to provide for the subject matter of claims 37-39, and independent claim 43 has been amended to provide for the subject matter of claims 44-46. Therefore, no further search by the examiner is necessitated by the amendments.

Still further, the Office Action merely provides for grounds for rejecting independent claim 27, but failed to provide for any grounds to support the rejection of its dependent claims 28-35 which include additional features to distinguish the subject matter from prior art. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner in the next Office Action (if there is any) to provide supports to the rejection of claims 28-25. Since the Office Action does not

provide adequate rejections of all claims, the next Office Action, if there is any, should not be a final office action.

Independent claim 27 relates to a method for generating an automatic authorization of a shopping cart created during electronic procurement of items depending on at least one value stored in a database table and provides for, in part, *the retrieved data is retrieved from **a first database table having organizational data objects and a second database table having personalized data objects**, and the retrieved data retrieved from **the first database table** includes a user identification, a budget, and a time period for the budget-value, and the retrieved data retrieved from **the second database table** includes a user identification, cumulative amount, and a spending-date.* Chessell does not disclose ***a first database table having organizational data objects and a second database table having personalized data objects** . . . **the first database table** includes . . . a time period for the budget-value . . . **the second database table** includes . . . a spending-date* as recited in claim 27. Withdrawal of the anticipation rejection of claims 27 and its dependent claims 28 and 32-35 is respectfully requested.

Claims 36, 43, 51, and 52, and their dependent respective claims 40-42 and 47-50 and include features analogous to claims 27 and are therefore allowable for essentially the same as claim 27.

Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 27, 28, 32-36, 40-43, and 47-52 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

All outstanding rejections have been overcome. It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application is in clear condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Although not believed necessary, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

The Office is invited to contact the undersigned at 212-908-6380 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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